

(c) No.

(d) A steno typist was required for work urgently. The candidate had no previous service under Government.

(e) This does not arise in view of answer to part (d),

South Ariad-Arattuvazhi Road.

17. * **Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi** (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha cum Shertalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have called for an estimate for the opening of the South Ariad-Arattuvazhi road;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the estimated cost for the road; and

(c) whether landowners have consented to surrender required lands free of compensation?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott (*Chief Engineer*): (a) Yes.

(b) Detailed estimate has not been prepared. Approximate cost will be Rs. 7,000.

(c) Yes.

Public Service Commissioner's Department.

18. * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod cum Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to abolish the Public Service Commissioner's Department?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know, Sir, the number of departments that were placed under the control of the Public Service Commissioner for the purpose of recruitment to public service at the time, and the approximate number of appointments made by the department?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: I claim notice.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether subsequently any departments were taken away from his control?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: No, Sir.

State Transport Bus Service.

19. * **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Transport Bus Service is beyond the purview of the Motor Vehicles Act and the Rules made thereunder by the Commissioner of Police; and

(b) whether the employees of the State Transport Department are included under the category of public servants of Government?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : (a) The answer is in the negative except with regard to the provision relating to "G" permits
(b) Yes.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : With respect to answer to part (a) may I know Sir, whether the traffic section of the Police Department have got any control over the Transport Department under the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : Have they the authority to check these buses and take action against them?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : No, Sir.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : With respect to the answer to part (b), may I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that the orders of the Transport Department regarding dismissals, suspension and other punishments awarded to the conductors and drivers are only oral and not written?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Government are not aware.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know whether the Government will inquire into the matter?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon (Trivandrum and Nedumangal cum Chirayankil) : Is the Transport Scheme a temporary or permanent measure?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : It is a permanent measure.

Test Survey.

20. * **Mr. Sultan Muhiaddeen (Trivandrum and Nedumangal cum Chirayankil) :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

- (a) whether a test survey in the Trivandrum Division was undertaken by the Government ;
- (b) what was the object of such a test survey ;
- (c) what is the total expenditure of the same ;
- (d) when was it terminated ;
- (e) whether the records of the same were closed ; and
- (f) if the answer to part (e) is in the negative, what is the reason for it ?

Mr. M. Ramiachandra Rao (Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner) : (a) Yes.

(b) the object was experimental (i. e. to obtain statistics in regard to the present state of Survey records.)

(c) Rs. 12,777.

(d) 30th Karkadagom 1112.